

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully suggest that in view of the continued increases of official fees and the potential limitation of an applicant's financial resources, a practice which arbitrarily imposes restriction requirements may become prohibitive and thereby contravene the constitutional intent to promote and encourage the progress of science and the useful arts.

It is believed that this Response has been submitted in timely fashion to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be necessitated by the filing of this Response to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

Thus, it is again respectfully urged that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction and provide an action on the merits with respect to all the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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